

# Report to the Auburn City Council

Action Item
Agenda Item No.

City Manager Approval

To:

Mayor and City Council Members

From:

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Date:

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Subject:

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act Funds under Federal Transit Administration

#### The Issue

Shall the City submit an application to receive American Recovery & Reinvestment Funds for Transit?

### Conclusions and Recommendation

Staff recommends, City Council, BY RESOLUTION, authorize the Public Works Director to submit an application and execute an agreement to receive \$185,000 in Federal Transit Administration 5307 funds under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

#### **Background**

The American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. The ARRA included \$8.4 billion nationwide for public transit capital improvements. The ARRA implemented a program to distribute the transit funds through existing Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs. The ARRA provided approximately \$37.8 million of funds to the Sacramento region.

The ARRA – FTA 5307 program will provide \$185,000 to purchase one transit bus for Auburn Transit. The bus purchase will replace a bus that has reached useful life. A new bus should alleviate the maintenance cost for the transit fleet. The FTA 5307 funds are allocated to the Sacramento urbanized area and then sub-allocated by the Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to transit operators in the region. These funds have been approved by SACOG. Placer County is a designated recipient of FTA funds and will assist the City in submitting the application to FTA within the expedited time frame.

## Alternatives Available to Council; Implications of Alternatives

- 1. Authorize submittal of application.
- 2. Amend Staff Recommendation
- 3. Take no action.

#### Fiscal Impact

The ARRA funds require no local match. The funds will fully support the purchase of one bus and the funds should be added to the 2009/10 budget year.

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